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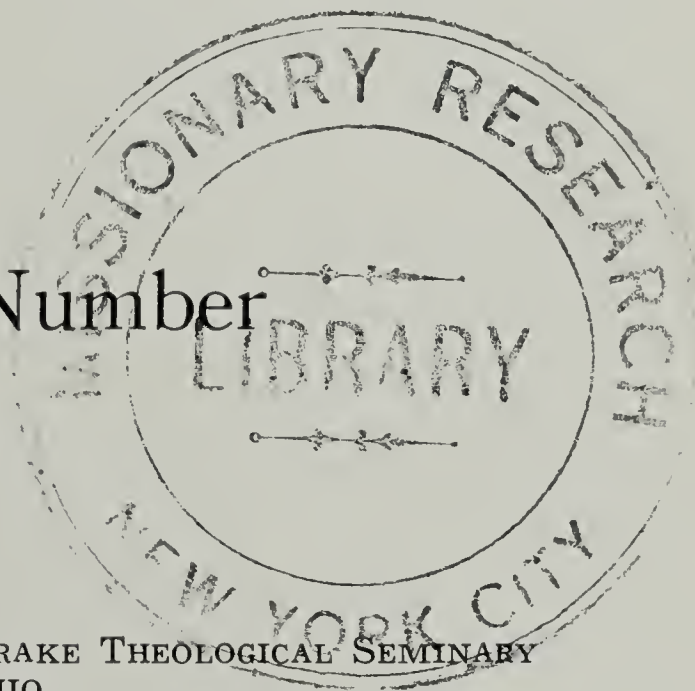
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REPRESENTATIONS OF OTTERBEIN

Three portraits of Philip William Otterbein were painted from life. One of these remains the proud possession of The Evangelical United Brethren Church. Fortunately, the other two were copied before they were destroyed by fire in Baltimore, Maryland, in 1904. Representations of all three portraits appear in this number of the *Bulletin*. Because of expressed interest in this history, we present the facts concerning each of the paintings.

The best known and the most popular of all the pictures of Otterbein is the one which shows him in the strength of middle life. It was one of the two portraits burned in Baltimore. The artist is unknown as are also the vicissitudes of the original portrait. It came finally into the possession of the Methodist Historical Society with its headquarters in Baltimore, Maryland. There it was seen in 1883 by Dr. A. W. Drury, justly famous historian of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ. He records that he could find no name or date on the painting except this enigmatic statement on the back of the canvas, "E. S. Frey, September 2, '53." Does this indicate a change in ownership in 1853? Dr. Drury thought it did.

Long before this portrait was destroyed, Reverend George Wagoner produced a lithograph from it in 1859 and sold prints throughout the Church. Again that dreadful destroyer, fire, took its toll for the stone was destroyed when Pike's Opera House in Cincinnati burned. Later, Mr. Wagoner made a smaller lithograph resembling somewhat the original one. Copies of this second production were sold widely. We present a picture of the 1859 lithograph. (See page four.)

After this picture had become very popular, a portrait was painted from the lithograph. The name of the artist is not given. The portrait is owned by the Bonebrake Theological Seminary and hangs in the office of the president. It is represented in this publication. (See page five.)

The second of the two original portraits destroyed by the Baltimore fire was one showing Otterbein wearing a cap. It is reported by the historians that this one was a favorite of those who knew their leader in his later years. Here again, the artist is unknown. The history of the original is obscure. Like the other, it too came to be the property of the Methodist Historical Society and was destroyed in their catastrophe. Various copies of this original were made. One of these hangs in the Library of the Bonebrake Theological Seminary. It is represented in this publication. (See page six.)

Fortunately, the third of the original portraits has been preserved and hangs in its original frame in the entrance hall way of the Administration Building of the Bonebrake Theological Seminary. It is the work of John Wesley Jarvis, eminent portrait painter of the early years of our national history. While Jarvis maintained his studio in New York, he is known to have traveled southward to work there in the winter time. The Otterbein

portrait was painted in Baltimore while Jarvis was on such a trip in 1810. The *Dictionary of American Biography* says: "He was generally considered the foremost portrait painter of his time in New York, and he enjoyed a national reputation." He painted men of such note as Andrew Jackson, Henry Clay, DeWitt Clinton and James Fenimore Cooper. His portraits hang in three important collections in New York City: the Metropolitan Museum of Art, the City Hall, and the New York Historical Society.

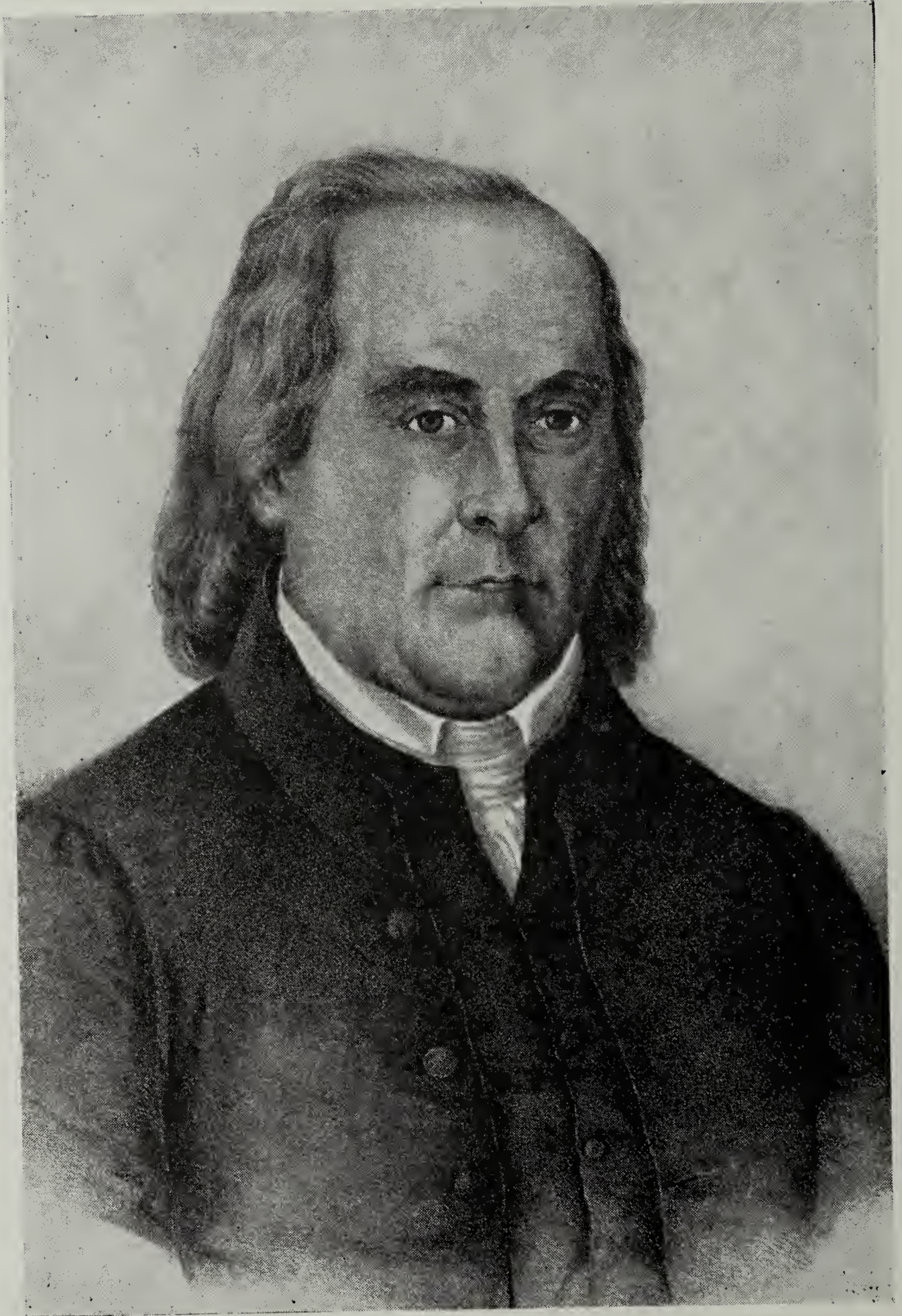
On the back of this portrait we find the following: "Rev'd. William Otterbein (pastor of the Evangelical Reformed Church, Baltimore) painted in October, 1810, when he was in the 85th year of his age. (From the life by Jarvis.)" Dr. Drury left us the following history of the painting: "The portrait was painted for Peter Hoffman, one of Otterbein's elders or class leaders. As Peter Hoffman's financial resources were small, his son John had the portrait of Otterbein made for him. On the father's death the portrait passed to John, and on his death it passed to his brother Jacob, and on the death of Jacob it passed to his son Otterbein, and on the death of Otterbein it passed to his brother George, and from George it passed to his daughters, from whom it was obtained for the Church." Due to the untiring efforts of Dr. Drury over a period of many years, the portrait was purchased for the Church in 1924. It is a priceless historical possession to be treasured by the present and future generations. A new representation of the original Jarvis portrait is presented here. (See page seven.)

Several copies of this original were painted by artists whose identity is now unknown. One of these is now in the possession of Otterbein College. Another is the property of Bonebrake Theological Seminary. It hangs in Class Room 34 of the Administration Building. It is represented here. (See page eight.)

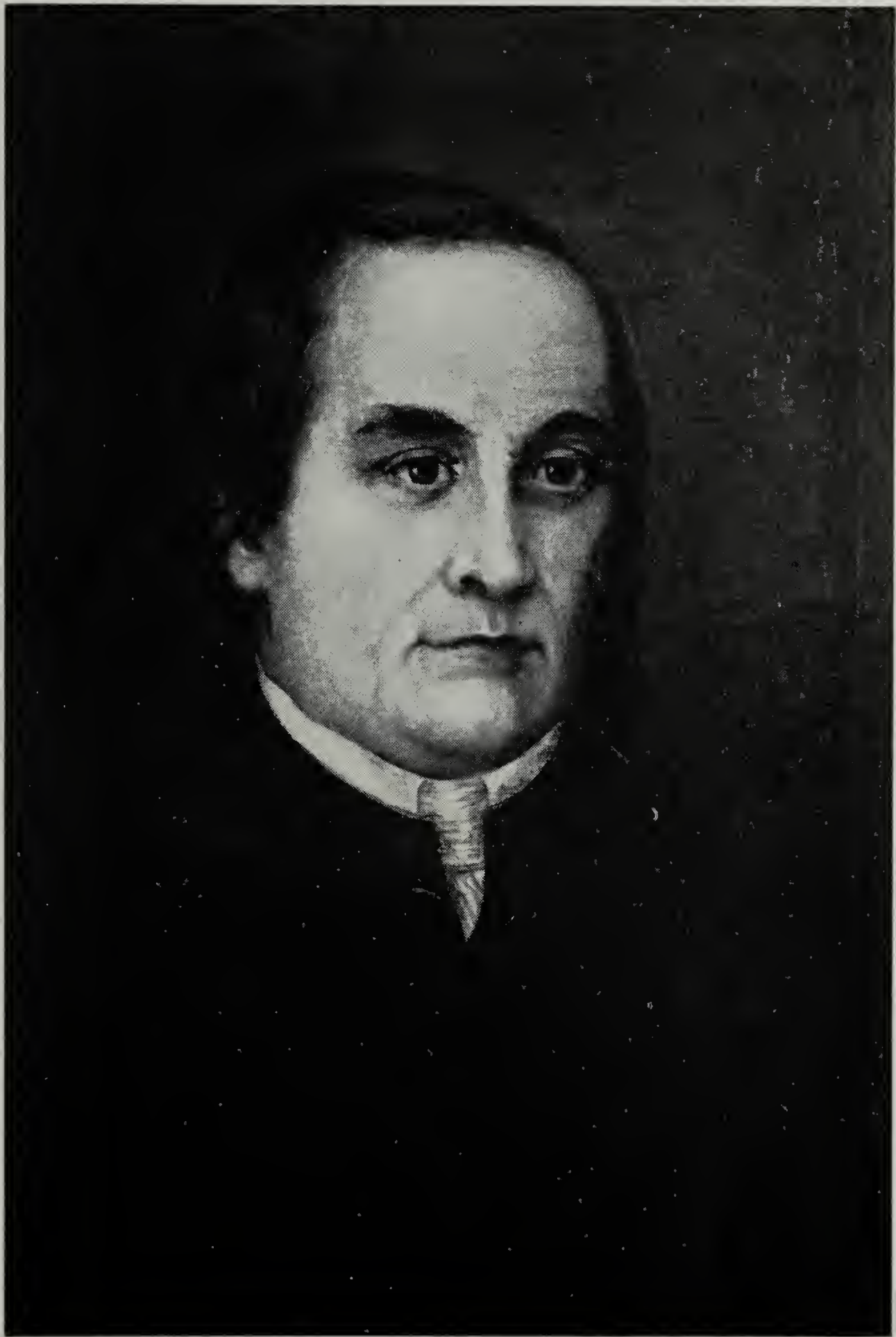
In addition to the three portraits, three wax busts of Otterbein were made from life. Two of them were done for the Drucks sisters who lived in his home as housekeepers. Both of these have disappeared and no representations of them have come down to us. The third wax bust was made for Rev. John Hildt, a close friend of Otterbein and an important figure in the early days of the denomination's history. It was Hildt who translated Newcomer's Journal and prepared it for publication. This third bust has been lost also but a photograph of it remains. It is represented in this publication. (See page nine.)

As was done in the case of prominent persons in his time, a death mask of Otterbein was made. We know very little about its history for it has been lost for a long time. A photograph is the basis of one of the pictures presented here. (See page ten.)

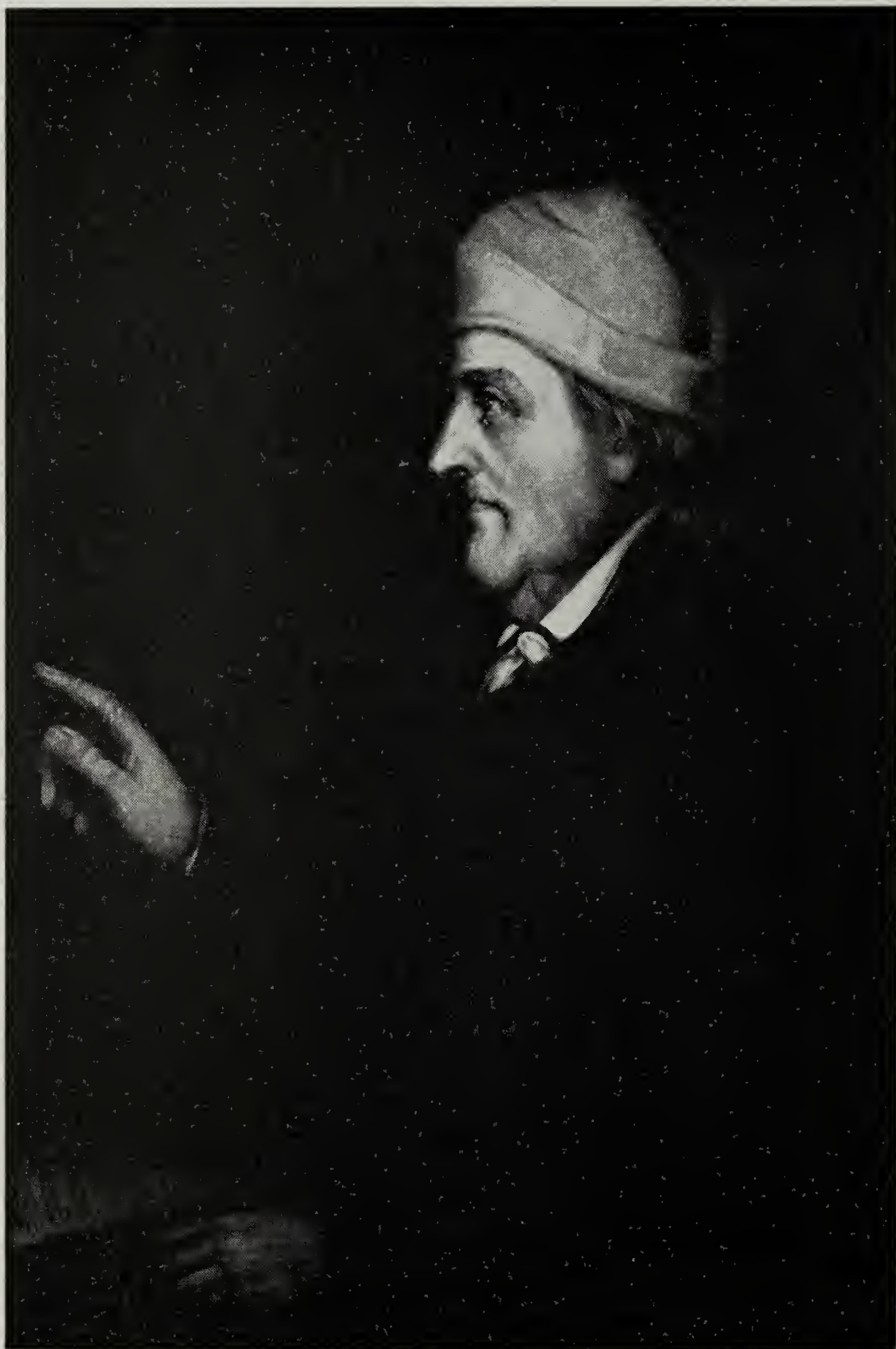
At least six representations of Otterbein were made in his life time and one after his death. In that day this would be true only of persons held in the highest esteem. These pictures testify to the love and loyalty of his followers. Walter E. Roush.



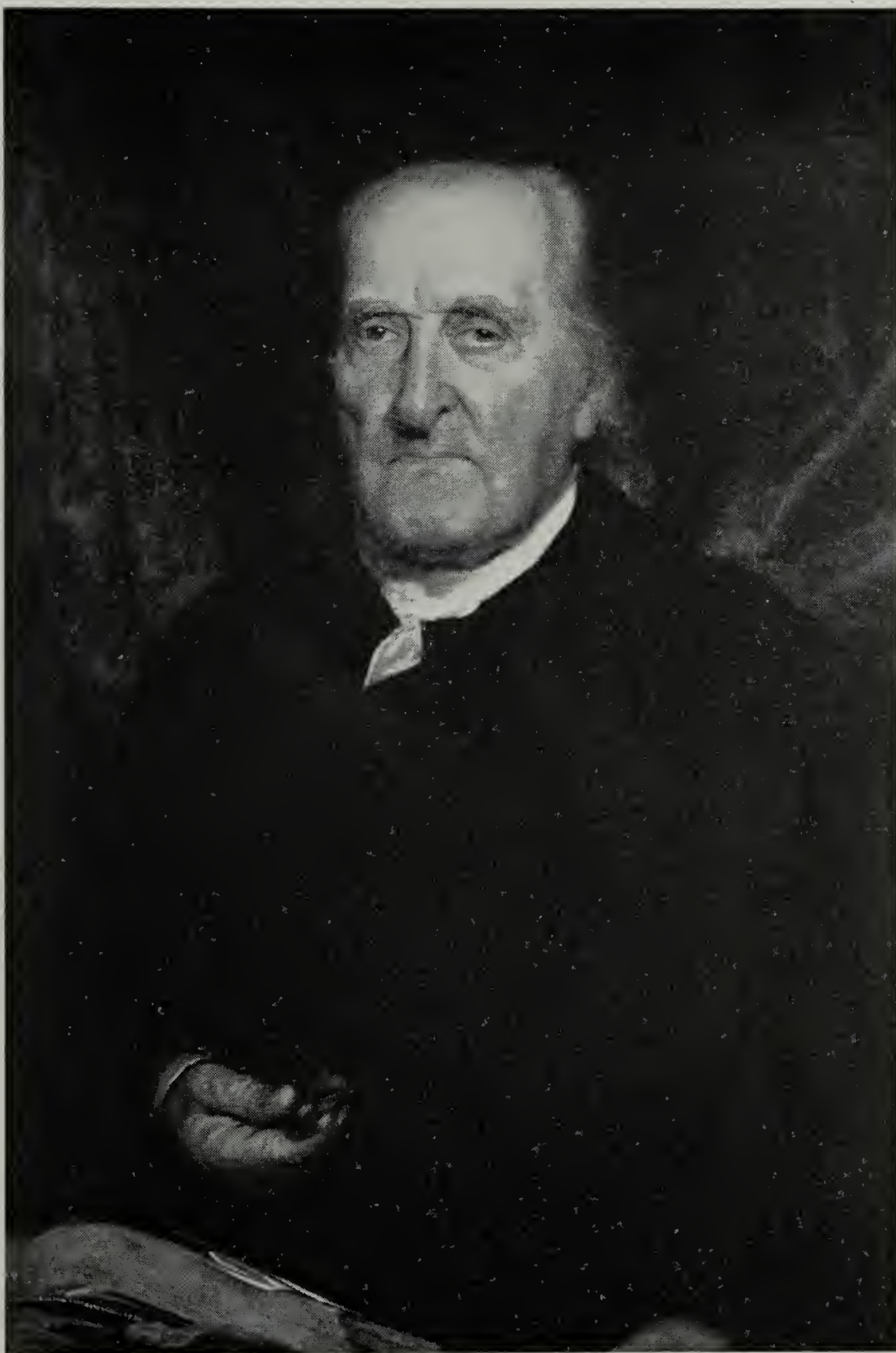
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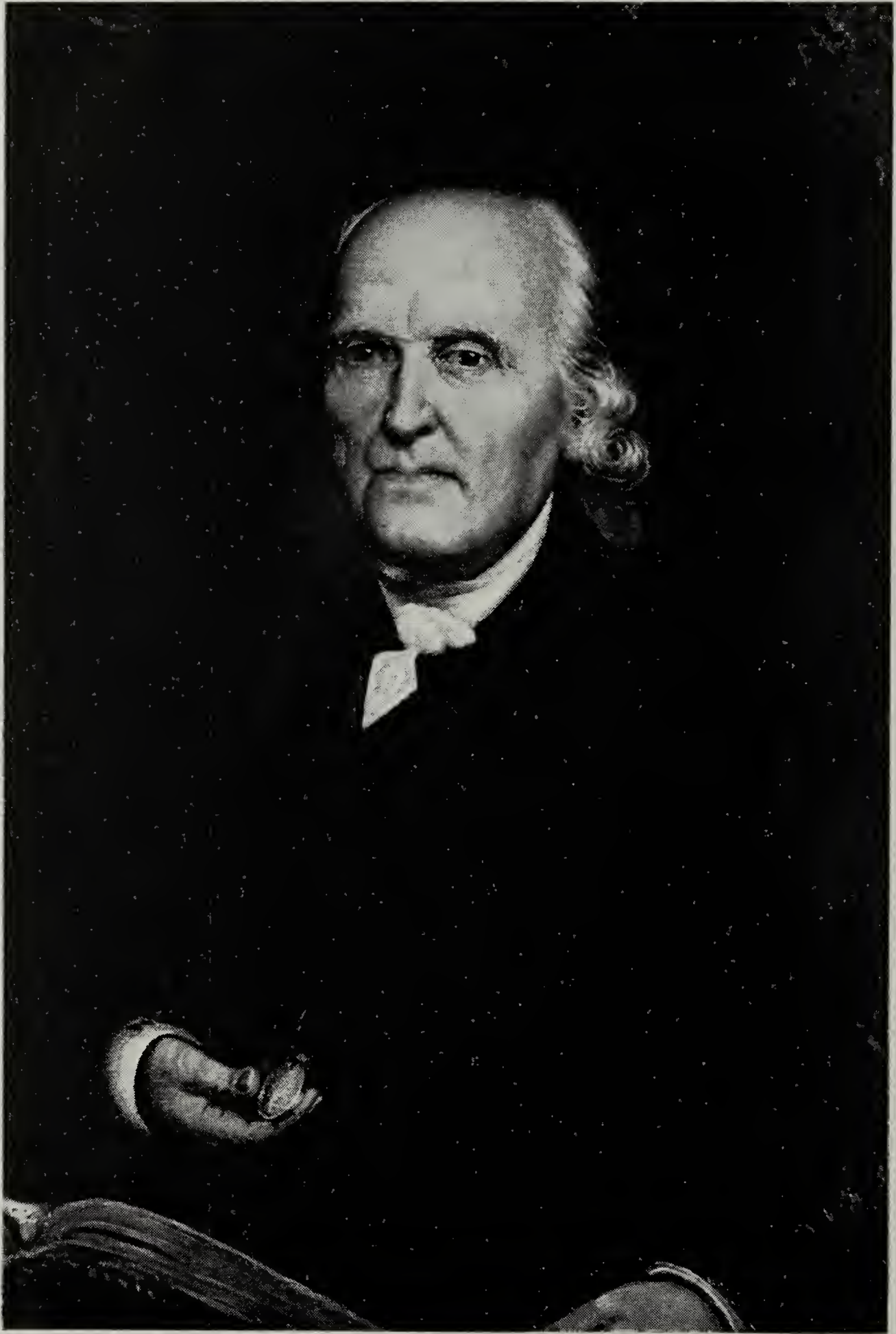
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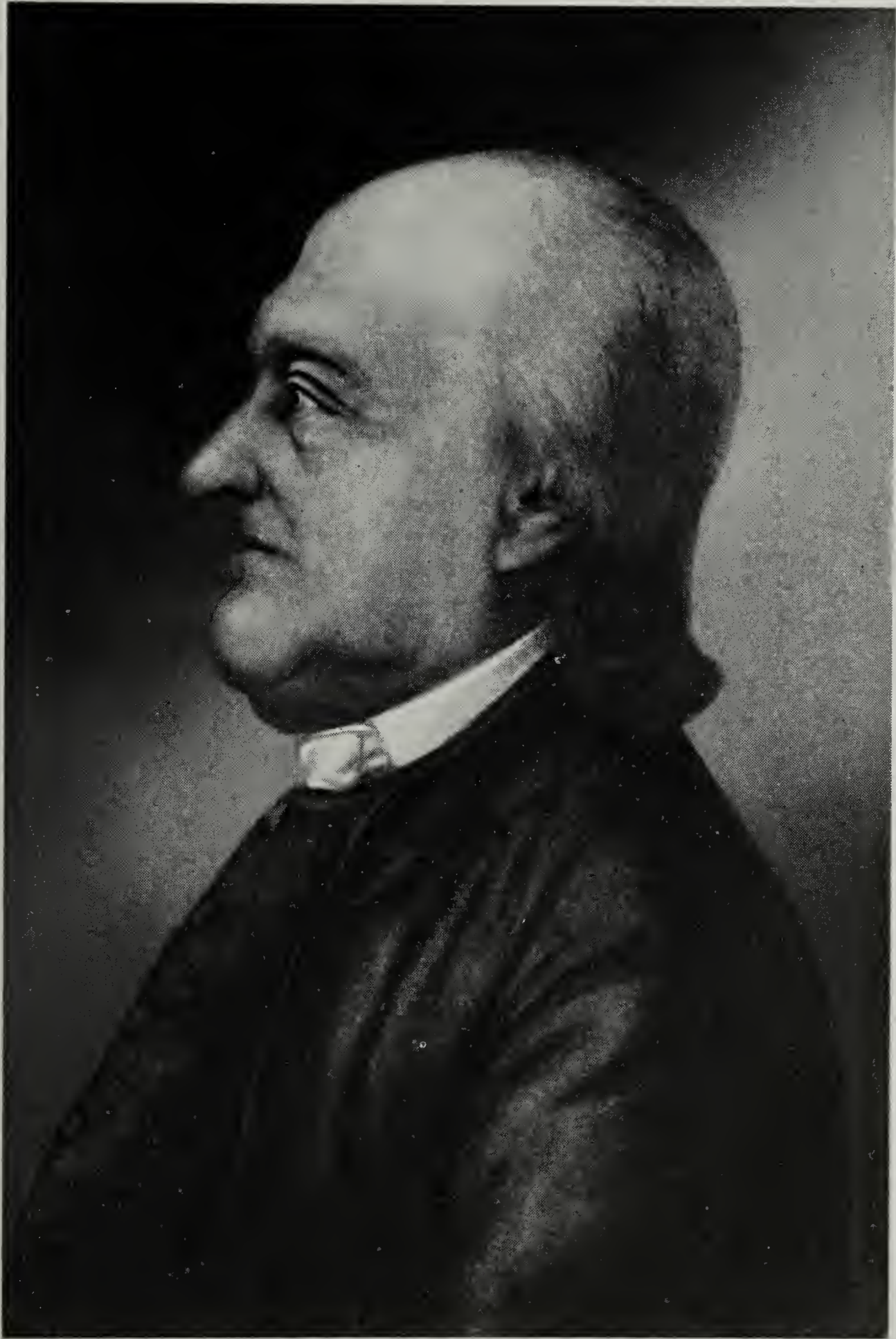
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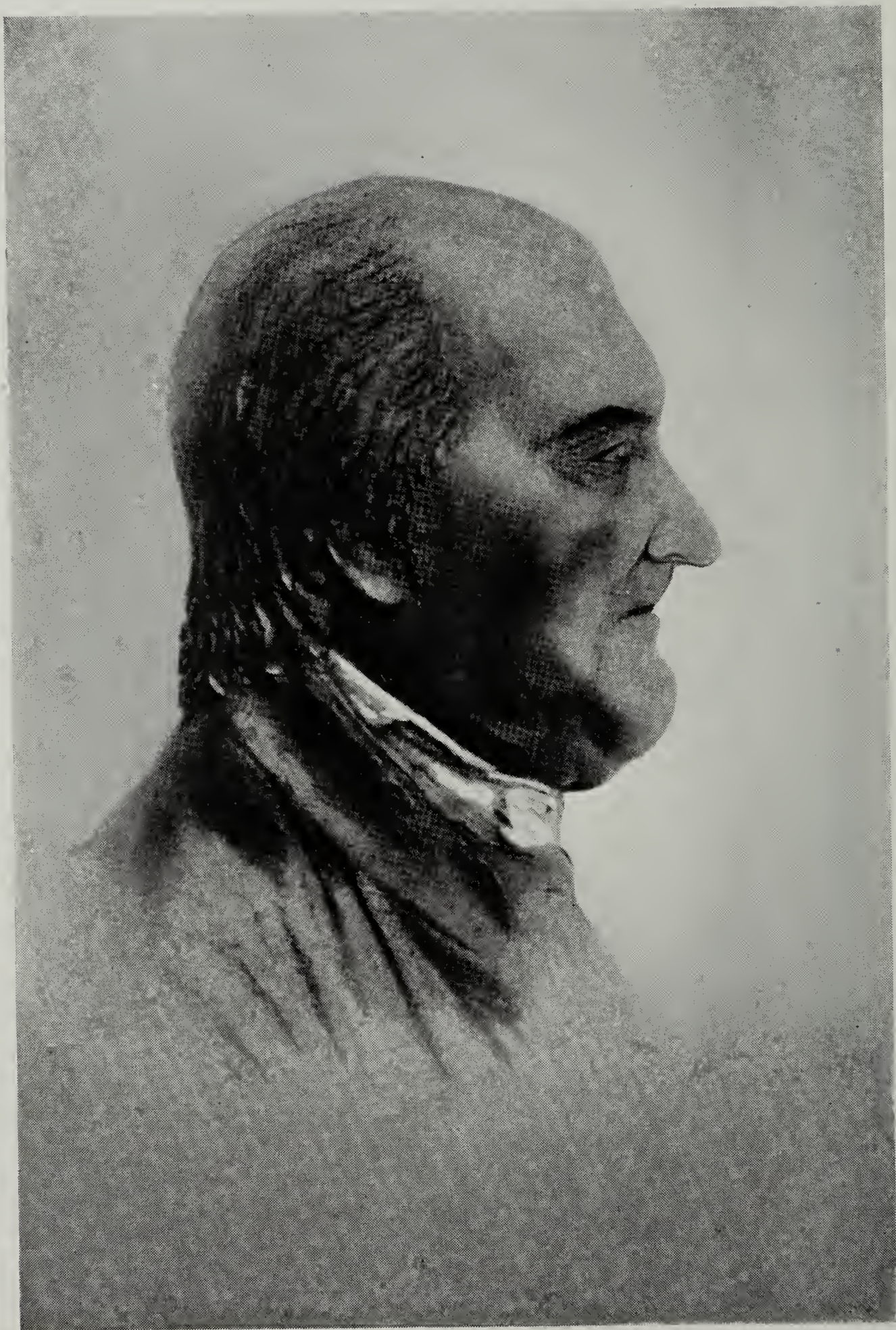
From the Original Jarvis Portrait



From Portrait Copied from the Jarvis Original



From Photograph of Wax Bust



From Photograph of Death Mask

A BIBLIOGRAPHY OF PUBLICATIONS ON THE HISTORY, THEOLOGY AND MISSIONS OF THE CHURCH OF THE UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST

Introduction

For many years there has been a demand for a complete bibliography of publications which deal with the history, the theology and the missions of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ. This felt need has increased as a result of the union of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ with the Evangelical Church, which was consummated on November 16, 1946.

Most of the publications listed below are out of print. Those that are now in print are indicated by an asterisk, following the title of the publication. In each instance, where it is obtainable, the date of publication is indicated. Most of the publications have been published by the Otterbein Press, Dayton, Ohio, or by one of the general boards of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ. In such instances no publisher is indicated. In case some other concern has printed the publication the name and address of that publisher are indicated.

The bibliography that follows is classified into five parts. First is a list of *books* on the history and theology of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ. It is not a complete list of books written by United Brethren authors. Books of poetry and hymn books are not included.

A second section deals with the *periodicals* on the United Brethren History and Theology. We have tried to make this a complete list of all United Brethren periodicals. Many of these are no longer printed. In most instances the date when the first issue of the periodical appeared can be ascertained. If such is known, that date is indicated. In many instances the concluding date could not be determined due to the fact that complete files are not available. Recent publications are shown to have ceased in 1946 in view of the fact that at that time they ceased to be published as periodicals of the Church of the United Brethren in Christ. However, in the case of Sunday school publications, the date of termination is actually June 30, 1947, instead of 1946 when the union took place. This bibliography of *periodicals* does not include conference periodicals.

It was originally planned to include a bibliography of the *reports* and *minutes* of all the General Boards of the Church and also the annual conference *minutes*. Such a list would take too much space for this number of the *Bulletin*. It is hoped that some future issue of the *Bulletin* may give such a bibliography.

The third section deals with *books* on United Brethren Missions. It covers both home and foreign missions. The more recent histories of the church

give a great deal of material on missions. These histories are not included in this section, since they are listed in section one. It will be noted that some of the books included here also deal with missions in other denominations as well as United Brethren missions. We have also included a few books written by native leaders on the mission field.

The section dealing with *periodicals* on United Brethren missions was quite difficult to formulate. Much valuable material on missions is found in *the Religious Telescope* yet that periodical is not primarily devoted to missions and could therefore not be included in this section. This section lists only the periodicals that deal *primarily* with United Brethren missions,

The last section of this bibliography has to do with *reports* on United Brethren missions. Printed reports, mimeographed reports, and handwritten and typewritten copies of minutes have all been included.

This *Bulletin* is being sent to the Alumni of the Seminary, all the pastors of the former Church of the United Brethren in Christ and a number of other persons and institutions on our exchange list. We appeal to all the pastors of the former United Brethren Church to help us out in two very important projects we now have underway at Bonebrake Theological Seminary.

One project is that of collecting a complete set of the minutes of each Annual Conference of the United Brethren Church from the time the conference was organized down to the present time. We want a complete set for the Seminary library and a complete set for the depository of the Historical Society located at Bonebrake Theological Seminary. Those who have copies of annual conference minutes of the United Brethren Church and are willing to contribute them to this worthy cause are asked to write to the undersigned and indicate just what they have. In addition to this the Seminary is also eager to have other historical documents such as: Proceedings of the General Conference, Church Disciplines, United Brethren Church Histories and any other documents bearing on United Brethren History.

The other project is that of collecting local church histories. Many local churches, throughout the denomination, have published histories of their respective local churches. The Seminary would like to have, in each instance, four copies of each of these histories, two for the Seminary Library and two for the Historical Society. Please send these local church histories to Bonebrake Seminary, Dayton 6, Ohio.

Several persons have helped to assemble the material for this Bibliography. Our special gratitude is due Dr. Walter E. Roush, Dr. Paul Holdcraft, Dr. P. B. Gible, Dr. S. G. Ziegler, Dr. Carl Eschbach, Mr. John Lyter, Dr. Paul Koontz, Rev. Frank Cross and Mrs. Arthur Stambach. While the contribution of each of the above has been invaluable, the undersigned bears the responsibility of any errors that may be contained in this bibliography.

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